



Project Big Heart

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## CLAUDE H. NEFF MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Scholarship Mission Statement: To provide a scholarship for a deserving high school senior attending a local community college or trade school.

Project Big Heart, Culpeper District, is proud to announce it will award \$1,500 scholarships to one Fauquier County and one Greene County 2025 high school graduate. Please note that counties with multiple high schools will be limited to one recipient in that county (not each high school).

Project Big Heart is a volunteer employee organization of Rappahannock Electric Cooperative (REC). It was formed in the spring of 1991 to raise funds for a scholarship for local students. The organization has since been involved in supporting deserving families throughout the year.

Claude Neff was an employee of Rappahannock Electric Cooperative for many years before his accidental death in 1991. He helped form and served as a director of Project Big Heart until his death. He spent much of his time and energy helping young people realize their potential and obtaining their goals. We are honored to have our scholarship carry his name.

This scholarship is offered on a rotating basis to the six counties served by REC's Culpeper District. This year's scholarships will be presented to Fauquier and Greene County graduates in financial need who will be attending a local community college in the upcoming summer or fall semester. The student's parents/guardians must have an active REC account.

The recipient of the scholarship will be chosen by a committee of Project Big Heart, based on the essay written by the graduate. Please complete the attached application and return by mail or in person to **Rappahannock Electric Cooperative's office in Culpeper, 13252 Cedar Run Church Road, Culpeper, VA 22701**, on or before **March 31st, 2025. See requirements on second page in order to receive the scholarship.**

We look forward to your participation.

Sincerely,

Culpeper Project Big Heart Scholarship Committee



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Please complete the application below including the letter of recommendation and essay.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

REC Service Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: Father: \_\_\_\_\_ Mother: \_\_\_\_\_

Siblings: (Please include age) \_\_\_\_\_

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Other Members of Household: \_\_\_\_\_

Career Goals: \_\_\_\_\_

Community College or trade school you plan to attend: \_\_\_\_\_

School Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

Extracurricular Activities: (Church, community, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

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Hobbies & Special Interests: \_\_\_\_\_

**Letter of Recommendation:** Please submit a letter of recommendation from a responsible adult other than a parent, guardian or relative.

**Essay:** Complete a one-page essay on separate sheet of paper answering the following question.

- What are your educational and career goals and why do you feel you qualify for this scholarship?

### Requirements & Eligibility

1. Submit a completed application including a letter of recommendation and essay as noted above.
2. Parents/guardians must have an active REC electric account in Fauquier or Greene County.
3. Student must be current high school senior attending a community college or trade school in the upcoming summer or fall.